

ORGANIZE FIGHT ON WHITE PLAGUE

**War on Tuberculosis to
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Noon To-morrow.**

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**Final Council of Physicians Held
Last Night—City Divided Into
Districts, and System for
Treatment of Patients
Arranged—Importance of World**

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was held last evening, and definite arrangements were made for the opening of dispensaries, one for white patients at the Ballard House, Fourteenth and Franklin Streets, and one for colored patients at No. 412 North Third Street. Under a special appropriation of the City Council, the Board of Health has mapped out a comprehensive plan of attack, which will include free treatment of all cases, not only of well-developed tuberculosis, but also of all communicable diseases of the lung and throat.

Work of Dispensaries.
Doctors and nurses who will take the lead in the work met yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at the new colored dispensary, which has been placed in thorough order and which is fully ready for the opening. Under the direction of Chief Health Officer Levy, the two dispensaries have been fitted with every necessary appliance.

Dr. Levy made a brief talk to the doctors and nurses on the character of the work to be done.

out in the course of his remarks that in the past twenty-six years certificates filed showed 6,019 deaths in Richmond from consumption, an average of 233 a year.

Most of these deaths the physicians believe now could have been prevented had the necessary attention been available.

The work of the dispensaries will be continued.

the welfare object. First is the treatment of convalescents by capable physicians and nurses, a thing that has been fully demonstrated that under proper conditions and with fresh air, nourishment and care, a large percentage of cases may be entirely cured. The second object will be of even more importance the prevention of the spread of the disease from persons now suffering from it to those about them.

In this the doctors see the most hopeful result of their work, and it

It is this that will be emphasized as much as possible. In speaking of this last night Dr. Reay said it was only comparatively recently that consumption had come to realize that consumption was a communicable disease. Now the popular mind has swung over to the other extreme in many cases, until some ignorant people have come to believe that it is positively contagious and perhaps as dangerous as smallpox to have a patient suffering with the disease in the house. A great part of

The work of the dispensaries, he explained, will be to educate the patients in the proper cure of themselves, so that there may be no danger to others. Especial emphasis will be placed on the importance of destroying all contact with infected persons, and all articles of approved design will be supplied to all patients, to whom their use will be explained.

Will Keep Record.

Each person applying to the dispensary

Capable nurses have been provided, and wherever it is necessary these nurses will visit the patient in his home for free treatment will have in the history of his case entered on a card prepared for the purpose, showing all the information necessary for the doctor to properly diagnose and treat the case. A complete record of treatment, diet and pulse will also be kept, with a view to revealing the progress of the disease, or the success of the treatment.

home and continue the treatment, and also see that proper precautionary measures are taken to insure the safety of the members of the family.

White patients will receive treatment at the Ballard House, and colored persons at No. 412 North Third Street, so that there need be no confusion between the races.

For the convenience of the physicians and nurses, the city has been divided into five districts, with a physician and nurse assigned to the white

Though dispensary hours will be from 12 to 1 daily, and any patient calling will receive needed attention still, in order to have the same doctor and nurse all the time, one day in the week will be assigned to each district.

and on this day the physician and nurse of the district will be at the dispensary.

In working this plan out last night it was agreed that the districts should be arranged as follows:

District 1—All that part of the city east of Twenty-fifth Street, including Fulton.

District 2—The section between Eighth and Twenty-fifth Streets.

District 3—From Eighth Street

District 4—West of Adams and St. Johns Streets and north of Main Street.

District 5—West of Adams Street and south of Main.

Colored people from District 1 should go to their dispensary on Monday; District 2 on Tuesday, District 3 on Wednesday, District 4 on Thursday, and

District 5 on Friday. For the white dispensary, patients from District 1 should call on Wednesday, District 2 on Thursday, District 3 on Friday, District 4 on Monday, and District 5 on Tuesday. This plan will prevent an overcrowding of the dispensary on certain days, and will also enable the patient to see the same doctor at each visit.

Later a plan for special Saturday

evening treatment will be worked out for the treatment of those at work during the day.

(The physicians in charge